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In re Patent Application of:
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For: **LOW FRICTION PLANARIZING/POLISHING
PADS AND USE THEREOF** Examiner: Rachuba, Maurina T.

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed September 30, 2004, Applicant hereby elects the invention identified by the examiner as Group II for continued examination.

The Examiner has required restriction between Group I, claims 1-16 drawn to a product classified in class 428 and Group II, claims 17-35 drawn to a method of use, classified in class 451, subclass 41.